

ALLIANCE TO BE SEAT OF BISHOPRIC

Rumored in Catholic Church Circles that Change May be Made This Month—Life Work of Late Very Rev. Father McNamara to be Recognized

Brothers' School a Feature

It is persistently rumored in Catholic circles in Alliance that there may be important changes made in the new diocese recently created in northwestern Nebraska when the seat of the bishopric was placed at Kearney. Rumor has it that Kearney will lose the bishopric and that it will be placed at Alliance on account of the fact that Alliance is an important Catholic center, having large church, hospital and academy.

tion with the establishment of a bishopric at Alliance a Brothers' school for boys and young men will be located here. It is said that the former Catholic parsonage, which was on the market for sale, has been withdrawn, and it may be that this building would be used at the home for the brothers, and a substantial building erected for the school on the old church site.

REMEMBERING GRANDPARENTS

Children Getting Christmas Spirit to Make Others Happy

Alliance children are getting the Christmas spirit and are trying to make others happy. The little Zehring children are busy preparing a box to be shipped by express to their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Watts, Rogersville, Missouri.

SHERIDAN CO. CORN COUNTRY

A. P. Lee, manager of the Forest Lumber Co. at Alliance, made a business trip into Sheridan county in his automobile Monday, returning on Tuesday. He visited the Spade ranch country north and northeast of Ellsworth. To a Herald representative Mr. Lee expressed himself as being surprised at the large amount of corn grown in that vicinity, reminding him of old Missouri.

MARRIAGE OF MISS EMMA SOULES

One of the social events of the season will be the marriage of Miss Emerette Diana Soules, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Calder Soules, to Mr. John Alexander Henderson, of Toronto, Canada, on the evening of Wednesday, December 18, 1912, at eight o'clock, at the home, 422 Cheyenne Avenue.

Miss Soules has resided in this city for the past nine years, making her home with her uncle and aunt, the late Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fletcher. She is a charming young lady and during her stay has made many warm friends who regret her departure from Alliance.

Mr. Henderson is a prosperous young business man of his home city. They will be at home after February 1, 1913, at 309 Shaw street, Toronto, Canada.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Monday Dec. 16 Mrs. Geo. Davis will give a party from 2:30 to 6 p. m. for Master Sidney Metz of Mystic, S. D. The occasion will be Sidney's fifth birthday. The invited guests will be Masters James Ponath, Clifford Lester, Parker Davis and Sidney Metz. Mrs. Davis will be assisted in serving by Mrs. B. Ponath, Mrs. W. S. Metz, Mrs. Claud Lester and Mrs. Hoskins.

DAVE KAUFFMAN VERY ILL

Dave Kauffman was operated on at the hospital Wednesday morning for appendicitis. His condition is very serious at the present time.

ARRESTED FOR BEATING WIFE

Frank Morrison, living at 901 Touca avenue, was arrested Tuesday night charged with being drunk and beating his wife. He was lodged in jail over night. His wife refused to prosecute him and he was given his liberty the next day, promising to lead a better life. It is stated that he has been arrested for the same offense before.

WILL RETURN TO ALLIANCE

Ora E. Phillips, of Marsland, former county superintendent of Box Butte county, was in Alliance the fore part of the week. The Herald has information that he will again become a business man of Alliance about the first of the year, which will be pleasing news to his many friends here.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY

Monday evening, December 9th, friends and neighbors of Moses Wright remembered that he had reached his fifty-fourth birthday. A party of twenty met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rodgers and proceeded to the Wright home. Mrs. Cal Cox, in behalf of the guests, presented Mr. Wright with a pair of gold cuff links. Lunch was served and a most enjoyable time was had by all present. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing Mr. Wright many more happy birthdays.

LIKES PREMIUM XMAS PACKAGE

A Herald subscriber called up the office over the phone Tuesday morning to state that she had just received her Xmas premium package and that it was much finer than she had expected. She was delighted with the premium given by The Herald.

VISIT FROM OLD FRIENDS

George Johnson was agreeably surprised the last of the week by a visit from two of his old friends who were passing through on their way east. One was Mr. Anderson, of Torrington, Wyoming, and the other was Mr. Hayes, of Monmouth, Illinois. Mr. Anderson had been visiting Mr. Hayes, who was accompanying him on his return to Illinois as far as Omaha.

GO TO EASTERN NEBRASKA

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hargraves left Monday morning for the eastern part of the state. Mrs. Hargraves will spend some few weeks with her parents at York, while Mr. Hargraves will go on to Lincoln to attend the county officials' convention held there the 10th, 11th and 12th.

LOCATES STOLEN HORSE

Scottbluff Man Loses Horse—Located in Alliance—Sold to Alliance Man

George Balters, of Scottbluff, lost a fine horse a little over a week ago and sent out circulars offering a reward of fifty dollars for its recovery.

Saturday afternoon the attention of Deputy Sheriff Lucas was called to a horse and rider parading the streets of Alliance. On investigating he learned that C. C. Smith had purchased the horse at a good price from the thief, who had immediately skipped the country after making the sale.

Mr. Balters came to Alliance from Scottbluff on Monday to recover the horse and pay the reward for its recovery. We understand that Mr. Smith is offering a reward of fifty dollars for the capture of the thief.

APPOINTED WEIGHMASTER

Police Judge Gregory Zurn has been appointed official weighmaster at the city scales which are located in front of the city hall. His hours are from eight o'clock in the morning until six in the evening.

RETURNS TO ALLIANCE

James Feagins has returned to Alliance from his long business trip to Texas, Chicago and other extended points. Mrs. Feagins, who has been visiting at Fairfield, Iowa, returned with him Tuesday morning.

PAULING-PIERCE

A beautiful quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ar. N. Pierce, Wednesday evening, at the hour of eight, when their daughter Sella was united in marriage to Mr. Martin Pauling of this city. Elder F. A. Woten, pastor of the Christian church, officiated. The ring ceremony was used.

There were present as guests Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Middleton, Mrs. F. A. Woten, Robert Fox of Dover, Mo., J. W. Miller of Alliance, and the immediate family. The bride and groom were the recipients of some beautiful presents. At eight-thirty the wedding company went to Nohr's cafe, where an elegant dinner was served in superb style under the supervision of Mrs. Nohr. The bride's cake was simply grand. The newly married couple left Alliance on passenger No. 42 for Lexington, Mo., where they will stay for a couple of months and then will return to Alliance to make their home. The Herald joins their many friends in best wishes for a long and happy married life.

MOVING OFFICE

Former County Surveyor J. P. Hazard is moving his office today into the McCorkle block. He will occupy Room 3, where he has hung out a sign, "Land Attorney, Surveyor and Locator." He has had a large experience in surveying and locating and will no doubt have a good business now that he has an office in a better location than heretofore.

VISITING IN BOX BUTTE

Mrs. E. S. Fuller of Lancaster, Mass., has been visiting in Box Butte county since the Wednesday before Thanksgiving day. She is a sister of Arthur Chilson, one of the early settlers of this county. This is her first visit to this part of the west. She will terminate her visit here next Tuesday, at which time she will leave for Sioux City, Iowa, accompanied by Jesse Chilson, who will be gone a couple of weeks. While here Mrs. Fuller has been the guest of her old time friend, Mrs. W. I. Loran, northeast of Alliance.

MUSICAL NOTES

To the management of the Drake Hotel is due considerable credit for the establishment of orchestra music for the dining room. Heretofore such a thing has been sadly unheard of in Alliance, save on a few very rare occasions. Now music is regularly employed on all Sundays, holidays and special occasions, and it is much to be hoped that the example will be followed and enlarged upon, until as it should be, in any good hotel or cafe, a good orchestra will be a matter of course.

Following is a sample musical program which was recently rendered and well received at the Drake:

- March—Napoleon's Last Charge. E. T. Paull.
- Overture—The Midnight Dream. R. Schlegel.
- Caprice—Dance of the Lunatics. T. S. Allen.
- Wisteria Waltzes. May Greene.
- Hypnotic Rag. Ed Mahoney.
- Overture—Sounds from the Sunny South. E. Isenman.
- Characteristic March—General Miup, U. S. A. T. S. Allen.
- Personnel: Alfonso M. Pool—Violinist, Director. Wm. B. Walsh, Trumpet. Jas. Bitowsky, Clarinet. Miss Hattie Renswold, Pianist.

"OUR MUTUAL FOE"

Lecture by Dr. Guy W. Wadsworth of Denver

Guy W. Wadsworth of Denver, associate secretary of the Presbyterian temperance committee, gave a stereopticon lecture at the First Presbyterian church last evening to a large and appreciative audience. Admission was free but a silver offering was taken for the support of the work of the committee.

The lecture was of an educational character, along scientific lines, showing the effects of alcohol upon the human system. It presented strong arguments for practical, personal temperance and could not fail to have a good influence.

SECOND TRY FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Ollie Walbridge makes a second attempt to get a divorce from Fred C. Walbridge. Last December she filed a petition but a decree was not granted her. This morning she filed another petition for divorce. Her plea is that her husband is an habitual drunkard.

ENTERTAIN OMICRON KAPPA CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hoopie were invited to act as chaperones at the Omicron Kappa Dancing Club regular dance last evening and gave the club a very pleasant surprise in the form of a banquet after the dance, at Brennan's. Over fifty young people enjoyed the dance and feast and all had a very enjoyable time.

COMMISSIONERS TAKE TRIP

County Commissioners J. M. Wauke, S. C. Reck and C. L. Hashman have left for Lincoln to attend the clerks' and county commissioners' convention held there.

AUTOMOBILE BURNED

Three Alliance Men Have Long, Cold Walk Tuesday

MITCHELL CAR DESTROYED

Everett Cook, E. H. Boyd and W. F. Kientop made a trip down into Morrill county Tuesday morning in the fine Mitchell car owned by Mr. Cook. They had finished their business and were returning on their way to Alliance arriving at a point near the George Gaddis ranch. The engine died, and Mr. Kientop, who had been driving, and taken off the hood and loosened the carburetor, which seemed to be stopped up with some obstruction either in the carburetor itself or in the gasoline feed line.

In cleaning the carburetor and connecting Mr. Kientop had used some cotton waste which he had thrown on the ground under the engine. This waste caught fire from some unknown cause and without warning burst into flame, completely enveloping the engine and front of the car.

The men made frantic efforts to push the heavy car away from the fire and tried to throw dirt on the flames but the frozen condition of the ground made this very difficult.

BETTER SERVICE AND NEW SYSTEM

Nebraska Telephone Company Spending Over \$40,000 for Complete New System in Alliance—Over 30 Men Now Employed in Doing the Work

Completed About Feb. 1

When the Nebraska Telephone Company purchased the Alliance exchange they found it composed of old-fashioned, out-of-date equipment throughout. Alliance patrons had to turn the crank to call central, and service at its best was poor. Since that time they have had their experts at work on the system and have given the best possible service with the old equipment, which has always caused them endless annoyance and trouble.

Recently they determined to take out and scrap every bit of old equipment, putting in an entirely new and modern telephone exchange, new cables, wires and phones throughout. When the new system is put in operation on the 1st of February, not a bit of the present equipment will be in use.

This new exchange and equipment is costing in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The new exchange and equipment, which is of the very latest, modern up-to-date equipment, is being installed by the Western Electric Company. By having one company furnish the entire exchange, and equipment everything is standardized and uniform. Instead of having half a dozen different makes of materials in the system there will be one standard line throughout. This will save endless annoyance and trouble.

The new exchange is now being installed in the Ellis building, across from the Drake Hotel. The Nebraska Telephone Company has leased the upstairs of this building for a term of ten years. All of the poles now strung on Box Butte Avenue will be torn down and the new cables placed in the alleys. This will greatly improve the appearance of Box Butte Avenue, the main business street in Alliance. The new cluster lights will all be plainly seen from either end of the avenue.

The Western Electric Company now has a force of four men installing the central office equipment in the Ellis building. About the first of February, when the new exchange is to be put in operation, new telephones will be placed in every office and home where there is now a direct connection with Cheyenne, Salt Lake City and other points.

Before the change is made to the new system about February 1st it is planned to have the new telephone directories delivered to the subscribers so that all changes in numbers caused by the transfer will be ready for the subscribers. The directories will be printed by The Herald.

The Nebraska Telephone Company deserves great credit for its confidence in the future of Alliance by making this enormous expenditure.

phone. For a period of probably twelve hours, while the transfer is being made, there will be two complete exchanges in operation. On a Saturday evening before the change is to be made, all phone subscribers will be called on the phone and notified that the next morning they are to use the new phones. The change will not inconvenience anyone in any way whatever. The old phones will then be removed. The old plant will then be dismantled. All of the old wire will be junked. Every piece of old cable will be cut into short lengths and shipped back to the factory in barrels.

The telephone company now has a force of twenty-five construction men working and six cable splicers.

There are at the present time six different makes of telephones in use in the old exchange and more than that many different kinds of cable and materials. It is easy to imagine the improved service which the subscribers will receive when the new exchange, using one kind of phone and one kind of material, is installed. It is really wonderful that the company has been able to keep the service up as well as has been done, considering the difficulties which they have had to encounter.

The cost of operating the new exchange will probably be higher than at the present time. The expense will be heavier and it will probably be necessary to increase the telephone force. But the operators will be able to handle all calls quicker and better. Every phone will be on metallic circuit, which will insure quietness at all times and no crossed lines.

Up to two years ago Alliance was isolated, so far as toll service with other points was concerned. There were practically no toll connections at all. Since that time hundreds of miles of copper wire have been strung by the Bell Company, giving connection with cities and towns of importance within a radius of 300 miles. This was not dreamed of at that time. Alliance now has a good connection with Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, Deadwood, Pierre, and other important points. It is expected that the new copper toll line from Cheyenne will be completed by the 15th of December. This will give direct connection with Cheyenne, Salt Lake City and other points.



TWO WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS

Two little Santa Clauses swiftly on the run!

One got a "week" back and then there was one.

GOING! GOING! GONE!!!

Your Christmas Chances Will Be Gone, Too, If You Don't Get Busy.

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